

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **6 February 2007**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-77. Claims 1-6, 10-15, 17-18, 23-41, 46-57, 59-74, 76-77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Feldman et al. (US Pub. No. 7,110,982). Claims 7-9, 16, 19-22, 42-45, 58, 75 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-9, 16, 19-22, 42-45, 58, 75 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has added new independent claims 78 and 79. Dependent claim 7 has been rewritten as independent claim 78 which includes all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims. Independent claim 79 is a computer-readable storage medium claim that corresponds to claim 78.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 78 and 79 are in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Independent claims 1, 23, 31, 47, 61, and 67 were rejected as being anticipated by Feldman.

Applicant respectfully points out that the present invention is directed to the use of a secure credential infrastructure. An embodiment of the present invention exchanges key commitment information over *a preferred channel that has both a demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property*

(see paragraphs [0052] and [0057] of the instant application). The demonstrative identification property requires that identification be based on a physical context (see paragraph [0053] of the instant application). The authenticity property of the preferred channel means that it is impossible or difficult for an attacker to transmit over the preferred channel or tamper with messages sent over the preferred channel without detection by the legitimate parties to the communication (see paragraph [0054] of the instant application).

Examiner has cited FIG. 23A, col. 14-15, and Table 2A in Feldman as disclosing “a preferred channel.” Applicant respectfully points out that these citations do not disclose “***a preferred channel that has both a demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property.***” Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where Feldman discloses “a preferred channel that has both a demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property.”

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 23, 31, 47, 61, and 67 to clarify that the preferred channel has ***both a demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property.*** These amendments find support in paragraphs [0052]-[0054] and [0057] of the instant application. Applicant has canceled dependent claims 12, 53, and 72 without prejudice.

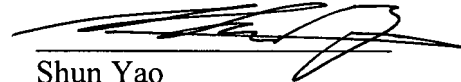
Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 23, 31, 47, 61, and 67, as presently amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-11 and 13-22 which depend upon claim 1, claims 24-30 which depend upon claim 23, claims 32-46 which depend upon claim 31, claims 48-52 and 54-60 which depend upon claim 47, claims 62-66 which depend upon claim 61, and claims 68-71 and 73-77 which depend upon claim 67, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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